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Re: New U.S. Non-Provisional Utility Patent Application
Appl. No.: To be assigned; Filed: Herewith
Continuation of U.S. Appl. No. 08/797,294; Filed: February 7, 1997
For: Aminosugar, Glycosaminoglycan, and S-Adenosylmethionine
Composition for the Treatment and Repair of Connective Tissue
Inventors: Robert W. Henderson and Tarek Hammad
Our Ref: 24047.330C.US01

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) is a **continuation** application of prior Appl. No. 08/797,294, consisting of the following documents:

1. Patent Application Initial Information Data Sheet;
2. Utility Patent Application Transmittal Form PTO/SB/05;
3. U.S. Utility Patent Application, entitled:

Aminosugar, Glycosaminoglycan, and S-Adenosylmethionine
Composition for the Treatment and Repair of Connective Tissue

and naming as inventors:

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the application comprising:

a. The specification containing:

(i) 35 pages of description prior to the claims;

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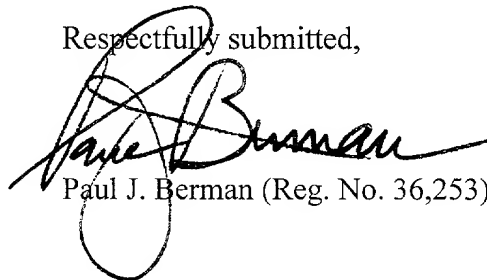
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- (ii) 3 pages of claims (13 claims);
 - (iii) a one (1) page abstract;
- b. Three sheets of drawings: (Figures 1-3);
- c. Copy of the executed inventors' Declaration from prior application no. 08/797,294;
- 4. Copy of the Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status (37 C.F.R. 1.9(f) & 1.27(b))--Independent Inventor executed by the inventors from prior application no. 08/797,294;
- 5. Copy of the Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status (37 CFR 1.27(b))--Assignee of Independent Inventor from prior application no. 08/797,294;
- 6. Preliminary Amendment;
- 7. An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS);
- 8. Form PTO-1449; and
- 9. Two return receipt postcards.

It is respectfully requested that, of the two attached postcards, one be stamped with the filing date of these documents and returned to our courier, and the other, prepaid postcard, be stamped with the filing date and unofficial application number and returned as soon as possible.

This patent application is being submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) without without filing fee.

Respectfully submitted,



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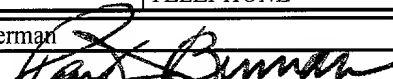
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